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A short Account of all the most considerable News,
Foreign and Domestic.

Edinburgh, Thursday September 19, 1723.

From the Evening Post, September 14.

Prague, Sept. 4.

WE have received Advice from Nens in Silesia, That on the 25th of last Month, the Ceremony of the Espousals of Princess Charlotte, Daughter of Prince James (Sobieski) of Poland; with the Prince of Turenne, eldest Son of the Duke of Bouillon, was performed there by the Elector of Triers, Uncle of that Princess, in the Presence of the whole Court, and a great Concourse of Nobility both of that Country and of Foreign Parts, under three Discharges of the Artillery. The next Day the said Elector gave a noble Entertainment to the Bride and Bridegroom in his Garden, which was illuminate with a prodigious Quantity of Tapers: The Prince and Princess did design to set out for France in a few Days.

Dantzick, August 31. The Treaty between the Czar and the old Duke Ferdinand of Courland, in favours of the eldest Prince of Hesse Homberg, is now fully concluded; by which the latter is to be put in Possession of that Dutchy, and marry the Dutchess Dowager of Courland.

London, Sept. 14. The Platform adjoining to the Banqueting-house is pull'd down, for enlarging the Passage; and the great Guns planted there are removed to the Tower.

This Day the first Regiment of Foot Guards was reviewed in Hide Park; and the Forces there, we hear, will decamp this-day-sennight.

The Congé d'Esire is returned, for electing Dr. Green Bishop of Eli.

This Day at Noon S. S. Stock was 111. Bank Books shut. India, 134, 1 half. African, 12, 5 8ths. York Buildings, 12, 1 8th.

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From the Whitehall Evening Post, Sept. 12.

Vienna, Sept. 4. 'Tis said Prince Eugene will go suddenly to Hanover, to endeavour to accommodate all Differences. Prince Ragotzki is not dead as Reported. Some Advices from Constantinople mention, that the Prime Visier is in Disgrace.

Frankfort, Sept. 12. On Friday, at two in the Morning, a Fire broke out at Mentz, which destroyed the Elector's Magazine and six Houses. 'Tis said the King of Great Britain will go to Berlin the 19th Instant.

London, Sept. 12. We hear that the Right Honourable the Earl of Strafford is preparing to go abroad for the Recovery of his Health.

A few Days ago Mr. Fotherly was sworn Governour of the York-Buildings Company, in the Room of the Right Honourable the Earl of Westmorland, who has resigned that Office.

Last Sunday came on the Election for Bailiffs for the Town of Ipswich, when Mr. Scot and Mr. Bowell were chosen in Opposition to Mr. Gravenor; at the closing of the Books, the Poll stood thus. Mr. Bowell 301, Mr. Scot 297; Mr. Gravenor 196: It may appear strange, That this Election was on a Sunday; but their Charter is such, that 'tis forfeited if they do not, come to an Election on the 8th Day of September.

From the Flying Post.

Paris, Sept. 18. Mynheer Wyld, the Dutch Resident at Petersburg, who has been several Months soliciting that Court for Payment of the Money which the Czar borrowed at Amsterdam in 1719, when he mortgaged the Customs of Riga for Security; has not yet obtained a favourable Answer to the Memorial he presented on that Subject; nor can he get the Compensation that was so long ago agreed on, for the 5 Dutch Ships which were burnt by the Mulcovites near Bornholm, Ellenvach, &c.

The Royal Academy of History, lately erected at Lisbon, cannot fail surely of being one of the most flourishing in Europe; for the King himself frequently Honours their Assemblies with his Presence.

The Duke of Orleans Daughter, the Abbess des Chelles has dismissed her Coachman and Equipage, forbid any Men or Women to come to her Convent, and has set her Heart upon Reformation among the Nuns. Some Booksellers and Bookbinders both here and at Rome are imprisoned for dealing in prohibited Books. Great Complaints is made against our Stockjobbers, who often step aside with other Peoples Effects in their Trust, or else pretend to have lost their Pocket-books, to the Ruin of those that employ them, in short some, odd Scheme or other happens in the Alley almost every Day.

From the Whitehall Evening Post, Sept. 14.

Madrid, August 25. 'Twas the 18th, on the Return of the King and Queen to the Elcurial, that the Prince and Princess of Asturias pass'd the Night together for the first Time. The 19, 20 & 21st, the Court took the Diversion of Hunting, and the 22d, that of Fishing.

'Tis reported that Cardinal Belluga solicits the King, to obtain his Majesty's Consent to the Convocation of a National Council, in order to effect a Reformation of the Clergy of this Kingdom, both Regular and Secular: But it appears, that there is a considerable Party ready to oppose the Execution of this Design.

Turin, August 28. Some of the Inhabitants of the Valleys of Aosta, being condemned to Death for Witchcraft, have appealed to the Senate of Chamberi; which, far from abating the Rigour of the Sentences, has ordered all the Papers which relate to this Process to be burnt, that the Crimes and Facts they're convicted of, may not be transmitted to Posterity.

Copenhagen, Sept. 7. We learn, That our Court insists on its Pretensions for terminating the Differences with the States General, the last Propositions not having been accepted.

Paris, Sept. 10. We learn from Prague, That an Express was arrived there, with the Answer of the Court of Madrid to the last Pretensions of the Emperor touching the Investiture of the Estates of Tuscany, Parma and Plaisance.

London, Sept. 14. We hear, that besides the 10 Ships which the E. India Company have lately taken up to be employed in their Service next Season, they'll soon take up seven more, which will make the Number this Year the same as last Year: So that we see, the Ostenders are not yet considerable enough to cause any Alteration in their Measures in that Respect.

Last Wednesday, as the first Regiment of Foot Guards was firing by Platoons, a Recruit being somewhat awkward in his Exercise, a Serjeant stepped forward to teach him; but the Wretch firing off at that Instant, shot the Serjeant in the Face, by which he has lost an Eye, and his Life is in Danger.

A few Days ago the Dutchess of Ormond took the Oaths of Supremacy, Abjuration and Allegiance, pursuant to the late Act of Parliament.

A few Days ago a Gentlewoman of this City was delivered of a Monster; the upper Part, to the Navel, like a Child, the Remainder like a Dog: It lived 3 Days, and then died.

The South Sea Company's Ship the *Assiento*, from Buenos Ayres, is safely arrived in the River: She has on board 800 Bull-hydes, and 5000 Pieces of Eight.

'Tis said Sir Richard Steele has finished another new Comedy, which he designs for the Entertainment of the Town this Winter.

Sir John Bennet, Kt. Judge of the Marshalsea Court has discharged by Order of the Board of Green cloth, all the poor Debtors in the Marshalsea Prison, that were confined for Sums not exceeding 40 Shillings; and such as had no Declarations filed against them.

Yesterday the Right Honourable Earl of Peterborough waited on their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales at Richmond.

The same Day a Soldier going to shoot a mad Dog in Tothill-fields, Westminster, missed the Dog and hit two Cinder-women, the one leaning on the Back of the other; the foremost of whom was wounded in the Shoulder, and the other shot thro' the Wind-pipe and died in the Spot.

Next Monday a Proof is to be made at Woolwich of near 100 Canon and Mortars, before the Right Honourable the Earl Cadogan and other Officers of the Ordinance.

Last Wednesday the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Gage embarked for Holland in his Way to Hanover.

From the Flying Post, Sept. 14.

Rome, August 28. The Pretender, with his Lady and Son, went some Days since to visit the Convent of Minerva, when the Father General gave them a splendid Collation of very choice Refreshments.

Leghorn, August 28. We hear they were lately in such a Want of Grain at Malaga, that 4 English Corn Ships that were bound for this Place, putting in there by the Way were detained, and had a strong Guard set upon them, and were obliged to unload the Corn, to supply the Scarcity.

Stockholm, Sept. 1. Yesterday the States resolved That for restoring Commerce and Manufactures any foreign Workman shall be at Liberty to come and settle here, with certain Rights and Privileges; provided they are Protestants, and that those who are Calvinists confine their Religious Worship to their own Houses.

Vienna, Sept. 4. There is a Report, That Prince Eugene is to go and wait upon his Britannic Majesty at Herenhausen to endeavour an amicable Accom-

modation of the Differences about the Affairs of Religion, and the new India Company in the Austrian Netherlands.

Prague, Sept. 9. This City Swarms so with People, That the Streets are hardly wide enough to contain them; and there was an Italian Opera the Night before last, which was so crowded, that tho' the Amphitheatre holds above 4000 People, several hundred of Persons of Distinction could not get in; therefore, Thousands of People took their Places Yesterday in the Church, and staid there all Night, that they might be sure of seeing the Emperor's Coronation, which was performed this Morning with a World of State and Magnificence.

Frankfort, Sept. 12. Some Advices from Heidelberg say, The Burghers leave no Stone unturned to bring the Colleges back, and that they have, on that Condition offered to rebuild the Jesuites Church at their own Expence.

From the Weekly Journal, Sept. 14.

They write from Petersburg, That his Czarish Majesty is not set out for Moscow, as 'twas talk'd he would: He has dispatched an Express to Astracan, and another to Constantinople, the Return of which he wants, before he determines where to go, or what Measures to take. He has given Orders, That a Detachment of 20 Men of a Company should be drawn out of all the Troops in those Parts, and sent to Persia under the Command of Prince Galiczin, in order to check the Progress of Meriweys; who, 'tis said, is come down to Georgia at the Head of his Army. 'Tis added, that the Troops of that Rebel are better disciplin'd than the Persians have usually been; which is said to be owing to several German Officers, who, having taken Service under that Rebel, have attached themselves to his Fortune, and take a great deal of Pains to make his Troops expert in the European Discipline. In the mean time the Czar is not idle, for he has given Orders for a new Harbour to be made within 4 Leagues of Revel, at a Place called Rogerwyck, and is every Day laying Plans for other new Harbours, for the Encouragement of Navigation. He also frequently gives Orders himself to the Workmen, who are employed in building 4 large Men of War now upon the Stocks, which are so near being finished, that they will be launched before Winter. He frequently goes to Cronslot on board his Fleet, where his greatest Pleasure seems to be. At this Place 3 Men of War are fitting out upon some Project, which is as yet kept a Secret: 'Tis given out, they only go upon the Account of Merchandice; 'tis certain, the Lading they have taken on board, consists of Arms, Ammunition and naval Stores. 'Tis given out they are design'd for Spain; but 'tis whispered, that they are bound for the West Indies, possibly to make some Settlement there. The enterprizing Genius of this Prince, seems capable of great Designs; and one who has so just a Notion of the great Advantage of Traffique to any Country (it may be supposed) has not lived so long without casting his Eyes upon this new Part of the World, in order to extend his Commerce: However, we shall be better able to guess whether a Plantation be design'd, or not, by the Number of Hands which they shall take on board.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Sept. 14.

Letters from Paris of the 15th say, that his Majesty being informed that through the Inexecution of the Regulations appointed by former Arrrets to be observed by all Booksellers, are dispersed over the Kingdom a great Number of Books against Religion, the State and Good-manners: Has by Advice of the Keeper of the Great Seals, ordered that the said Arrret shall be executed according to its Form and Tenor. In Consequence whereof, His Majesty forbids all Printers, Booksellers, or others, to print any Books of what Kind soever, without Priviledge or Licence of the Great Seal. This is a good Method for suppressing Irreligious and prophane Writings, and its wished it might be practised in other Countries.

Four Canons of St. Gatien de Tours who were great Opposers of the Bull Unigenitus, are ordered to go in Exile. 'Tis reported that the Marshal de Ville-roy is reconciled to the Court, that he surrenders his Government of the Languedoc, which, with that of Dauphiné, is to be given to the Duke of Chanters, and that an Equivalent will be made to the Marshal, either by some other Employments or Government to be conferred on his Son the Duke de Villeroi. Letters from Vienna are positive that the Ottomans have a good Understanding with the Rebel Merchants which, with the Advantages lately gain'd by the Turks, will, its thought, render the Mediation of the French Ambassador for making up the Differences between the Porte and the Czar of Muscovy Fruitless and of no Effect. Mean time the late Report of Prince Ragotski's being dead, is Groundless; and 'tis advis'd, that the Grand Seignior has again sent him to transact a secret Commission near the Danube.

On the other Hand its wrote from Poland and Ukrania, that the Turkish Magazines in Walachia are better provided with all Necessaries than ever was known during the War of Hungary, which gives no little Umbrage to the Poles.

They write from Dover, that Yesterday the Right Honourable the Earl Ferrars and his Lady arrived there, and sailed in the Packet-boat for Calais.

Yesterday the E. of Peterborough waited on their Royal Highnesses at Richmond, where on the 6th Instant Mr. Puckle's famous Gun or Machine called a Defence, was discharged in the Presence of the Prince, who was so well pleased with the Invention and its extraordinary Performance, that he bountifully rewarded the Person that fired it. A Proof is to be made at Woolwich next Monday of near 100 Canons and Mortars before the Officers of the Ordnance.

This Morning Col. Churchill and 2 other Gentlemen arrived at Dover from Calais, and brought an Account, That Mr. Seabright, Mr. Davis and Mr. Meuperfon pursuing their Journey in 2 Post Chaises to Paris, were set upon about 7 Miles from Calais by 6 Ruffians, who demanded of them the 300 Guineas which they had in their Pockets and Portemanteaux. Hereupon the Gentleman readily delivered the same, which the Villains had no sooner got, but they shot Mr. Seabright thro' the Heart; and the Word being given to kill them all, Mr. Davis fired and shot one of the Rogues Horses, but he himself, together with Mr. Meuperfon and the 2 Servants were dispatched in a most barbarous Manner. During this bloody Scene, one Mr. Lock an English Gentleman, happening accidentally to come by in his Way to Calais, was murdered in the like cruel Manner, as was also a Peasant. 'Tis supposed these Villains have been lurking about Calais for some Time to wait for a Prey.

The Transfer Books of the Annuity payable at the S. S. House are to be shut the 27th Instant, in order to pay the Quarters Interest thereon to Michaelmas and afterwards, the same is to be paid half yearly, viz. Lady Day and Michaelmas. So that Interest will be received by the Proprietors, either on their Stocks or Annuities every Quarter. We are told, that this Week, 60 Guineas were given for the Refusal of 2000 L. S. S. Stock, at the next Opening of the Books, which Stock is now at 111, and there is a Notion of its coming up to 120 per Cent.

'Tis hoped it will not be much longer before we have the desired News from Cambray.

'Tis said the late Bishop of Rochester has hired a House next Prince Vandemont's Palace at Brussels:

ADVERTISEMENT S.

That there is to be sold a good Milk Als, which foal'd on the 9th of Sept. Instant. Any Person who has a Mind to buy the said Als may enquire for George Purdie in the Exchange Coffee-house, who will inform themant her.

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¶ There was stolen lately out of a House in *Edinburgh*, a Cutlace or Hanger, with a new Hog's-Skin Scabbard, a Hart's Horn Handle, mounted with a Silver Shell, and a Coat of Arms on both Sides, the Keeper and the Back Wand having on them a Man in Arms; the Scabbard has a Silver Crampet and Hack: Any Person who has the said Cutlace, may call at Mr. Adams Printer his House, over against the General Post-Office, where they shall be handsomely rewarded, and no Questions ask'd.

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